

Edward Byrne Memorial Formula Grant Program FY2004 Funding Announcement & Request for Proposal Violence and Crime Prevention Program

Total Program Funds Available:	\$250,000
Type of Awards:	Competitive
Maximum Award Per Project:	\$100,000
Eligible Applicants:	State and units of local government, including Native American tribes that perform law enforcement functions as determined by the Secretary of Interior.
Project Period:	The project period may not exceed <u>one year</u> .
Match Requirement:	<u>Except equipment and non-expendable personal property.</u> federal funds may pay up to 100 percent of the project expense. The federal share of equipment costs may not exceed 75 per cent of the total cost of the equipment and personal property expense of the project. The 25 per cent matching funds must be in the form of a cash match. Funding support priority will be given projects with qualifying cash match.
Application Due Date	NLT 2:00 PM (local time) August 27, 2004
Funding Source	Byrne Memorial Formula Grant Program CFDA 16.579

Program Description: Crime and violence affect the lives of every Maine citizen, either directly, through victimization, or indirectly, by changing the way we live. The prevention of violence and victimization constitutes a critical challenge. With heightened awareness concerning crimes involving domestic violence, elder and child abuse, we search for solutions leading to their prevention.

Our response's focus to violent crime and victimization is to increase the capacity of communities to deal with youth and family violence and provide law enforcement enhanced capacity to investigate and convict violent criminals.

Increased knowledge about the causes and risk factors related to violence as well as effective programs hold promise in reducing the rates of these crimes. As a concept, prevention has a strong, community-wide appeal. Encouraging positive, healthy lives and preventing the well-documented personal and social tragedy of substance abuse and violent crime makes sense. In practice, we recognize prevention activities and programs pose difficult problems in planning and implementation. To be effective, we must eliminate barriers that prevent effective responses to violence and serious crime by the criminal justice system, social service agencies and schools. Interagency collaboration must result in better information sharing on issues and responses to incidents of violent acts and crime.

Program Purpose: This program is designed to assist State and local agencies and community members address crime and violence problems placing emphasis on the development and

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implementation of comprehensive approaches to crime, based on neighborhood programs with active citizen involvement. It seeks to build on the problem-solving approaches involving collaboration approaches many communities have used in recent years. These approaches involve analyzing groups of related incidents that comprise a specific problem, so that comprehensive, tailored strategies to preventing future crimes can be developed. These problem-solving strategies rely on both identifying and convicting serious offenders and developing long-term ways to prevent violence and protect likely victims. This emphasis is highly congruent with priority issues identified in Maine's multi-year strategy.

Preventing violence and holding accountable serious offenders are essentials to safer communities. Projects are needed that reduce risk factors, reinforce the avoidance of substance and alcohol abuse, promote conflict resolution and increase recognition that government, business, education, the media, neighborhoods all have an interdependent role in identifying and solving problems related to crime and violence. People representing interests in these areas, families, schools, law enforcement, business and labor, media, religious institutions, health delivery systems, government and service organizations, are encouraged to come together, identify their unique problems, organize and plan a response, and take action.

Program Goal: Ensure safe Maine communities through prevention and suppression of violence and serious crime.

Critical Elements/Activities

- Development of comprehensive models/approaches;
- Empowerment of communities to identify, plan, and implement prevention activities using existing resources;
- Interagency collaboration and efforts to identify and solve problems; and

Objectives: Initiatives supporting the achievement of one or more of the following objectives may be undertaken to implement a program:

<i>Objective 1. Develop and implement comprehensive local strategies to reduce and prevent crime and violence in local communities.</i>
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Strategies provide the framework for criminal justice agencies, other governmental organizations, and the private sector to work in partnership with the community in addressing crime prevention and control issues facing the jurisdiction.

Activities

Developing local crime control, prevention and community mobilization strategies;

Assessing risk and protective factors in communities;

Developing a full range of graduated sanctions designed to hold the offender accountable to the victim and the community, ensuring community safety, and providing appropriate treatment and rehabilitation services;

Evaluating changes in the community as a result of prevention efforts; and

Providing local and regional education, informational and training conferences to support local anti-crime, drug use, and violence prevention efforts.

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Performance Measures

Number of communities developing comprehensive local crime control, prevention and community mobilization strategies and plans;

Number of communities conducting local risk and protective factor assessments;

Increase in the range of graduated sanction options available to communities;

Increased availability of data and use of data analysis;

Changes in community approaches and programs attributable to information and training: and

Evaluation responses of participants

Objective 2. Increase effective community responses to violent and serious crime issues, through the implementation of integrated systems of community actions focusing on the problems and concerns in the community.

Activities

Implementing coordinated community responses for crime and violence control and prevention (i.e., youth and gang violence, drug abuse, domestic violence reduction through implementation of integrated systems of community actions, dispute/conflict resolution, risk/threat assessment, engagement of citizens in problem solving, community based prosecution, expedited prosecution/diversion, and resolution and alternatives to incarceration).

Providing graduated sanctions designed to hold offenders accountable to the victim and the community, ensuring community safety, and providing appropriate treatment and rehabilitation services.

Performance Measures

Reduction of risk factors and increase of protective factors in targeted communities;

Reduction in rate of crime and violence; and

Increase in the range of graduated sanction options available to communities.

Objective 3. Improve the efficiency of State and local law enforcement investigative capabilities to apprehend perpetrators of violent and serious crime.

Activities:

Targeting repeat, serious and/or violent offenders through coordinated, multi-jurisdictional initiatives; and

Use of advanced technology (i.e., DNA, to identify and convict violent and/or serious criminal offenders).

Performance Measures

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Formation of formal multi-jurisdictional task forces to address specific serious violent crime;

Arrest and conviction rates of serious and violent offenders attributable to task force activities; and

Number of cases advance technology was successfully employed for the identification and/or prosecution of serious and violent offender.

Reporting, Monitoring, and Evaluation Requirements & Methods

Each project will be required to submit quarterly financial and progress reports. While many of the results of a prevention effort are difficult to measure, the evaluation plan will focus on the question; “Did we accomplish our objectives?” Individual projects will be required to report and rate the degree of success towards the accomplishments of project objectives, which include:

- Creation of community prevention initiatives;
- Development of comprehensive crime and violence strategies;
- Creation and/or expansion of community partnerships;
- Increase in the capacity of law enforcement to deal with youth and family violence to include the investigation and conviction of violent offenders;
- Hours and effectiveness of training delivered; and
- Increase in the number of cooperative agreements entered into or revised between criminal justice and social service governmental entities aimed at improving the response to community justice issues.

Areas Open to Development/Permissible Use of Funds

This program promotes innovations and implementation initiatives that:

- Strengthen linkages between communities and the criminal justice system elements, other governmental service agencies and community organizations in the identification of the root causes of crime and violence;
- Draw upon multiple community resources to provide a comprehensive response to local crime and violence prevention activities;
- Provide community based strategies, comprehensive in scope and developed through broad community participation, that lead to the development of community wide partnerships and coalitions serving to control and prevent violence;
- Stimulate and encourage problem solving and development of community base strategies that lead to the prevention of violent crime;
- Increase the capacity of the criminal justice system to hold accountable serious violent offenders; and
- Develop a wider range of graduated sanctions designed to hold delinquent youth accountable to the victim and the community, ensuring community safety, and providing appropriate treatment and rehabilitation services.

Project Guidelines: This solicitation invites applicants to develop and initiate projects pursuing a coordinated, comprehensive and integrated community response to violence, particularly domestic

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and youth related. In taking action, state agencies and localities have a variety of choices that are both critical and difficult. Community leaders, researchers, and a growing number of police officials and service providers have voiced the need for a strong, well-articulated role for community members in problems solving efforts, particularly involving crimes of violence. The police alone cannot impact crime and it is becoming commonly recognized that entire communities must become involved to impact the rates of victimization and prevention. Hence, problem solving with direct community involvement must be integral to any project design.

To accomplish the goal of this program, criminal justice practitioners, social services agencies, local service providers, and community leaders are being encouraged to work jointly. It is believed that the creation of partnerships that include nonprofit and governmental agencies, as well as local volunteer and membership organizations, will augment existing resources and enhance the capacity of a community to respond to issues of community violence.

Project Period: The project period may not exceed one year. Project proposals must include a discussion and/or plan for continuation funding of project activities, if appropriate, at the conclusion of the project period. The objectives of the projects must be completely attainable within the requested funding.

Non-Allowable Costs: Indirect costs may not be included in project budgets.

Project Goals and Objectives: Goals, objectives, and program activities proposed should be clearly defined and congruent with the Violence and Crime Prevention goal, objective(s), and priority areas listed in this program announcement.

Guidance and Application Kit: All proposals must be submitted in accordance with guidance provided in the Application Kit.

Match Requirements: Except equipment and non-expendable personal property¹, Federal funds may pay up to 100 percent of the project expense. The federal share of equipment costs may not exceed 75 per cent of the total cost of the equipment and personal property expense of the project. The 25 per cent matching funds must be in the form of a cash match. A project with qualifying cash match will receive funding support priority.

SELECTION CRITERIA: All applications will be evaluated and rated based on the extent to which they meet the following weighted criteria.

Soundness and Innovation of the Proposed Project	25 Points
Evaluation and Project Assessment	25 Points
Community Partnership/Problem Solving	25 Points
Budget Narrative and Worksheets	25 Points

Review and Selection: A review committee comprised of Justice Assistance Council (JAC) members will review and numerically rate proposals using questions written to cover the types of projects or service being solicited based on the above categories. Copies of questions are at the end of this announcement. The Review Committee will make recommendations to the JAC. The JAC will make final decisions concerning project funding.

¹ Equipment is tangible non-expendable personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit; personal property means property of any kind except real property. It may be tangible (having physical existence) or intangible (having no physical existence, such as patents, inventions, and copy rights).

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Certified Assurances: All recipients of Federal grant funds are required to comply with certain requirements contained in various Federal laws, i.e., nondiscrimination. All applicants should consult Rider D - Additional Regulations (included in the application package) to understand the applicable legal and administrative requirements.

Reporting: Grantees are required to submit quarterly progress and financial reports. A final report, which provides a summary of progress toward the achieving the goals and objectives of the grant, significant results, and any products developed under the grant, is due 90 days after the end date of the grant. The Justice Assistance Council will provide report forms to the grantee.

Submission Requirement: Submit an unbound, signed original and five copies in a sealed envelop. *The envelop must be clearly marked with the bidder's return address and the notation: "Proposal: Maine Justice Assistance Violence and Crime Prevention Project"* and delivered to the **Division of Purchases, Burton M. Cross Building - 4th Floor, State House Station 9, Augusta, ME 04333-0009** no later than **2:00 p.m. local time on August 27, 2004**, at which time and place they will be opened².

To request an application kit, further information or technical assistance in completion of the application, contact Mr. David Giampetruzzi by email at david.a.giampetruzzi@maine.gov or phone 626-3830.

²Please note that only proposals actually received and date stamped at the Division of Purchases prior to the stated time will be considered; bidders submitting proposals by mail are responsible for allowing adequate time for delivery.

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Violence and Crime Prevention Proposal Evaluation Questions

Soundness and Innovation of the Proposed Project

25 Points

- Are the proposed project activities congruent with Violence and Crime Prevention program goals, objectives, and areas identified for funding consideration?
- Is the demonstrated need for this project clearly outlined?
- Is the target population appropriately defined?
- Are selection criteria for the population to be served clearly outlined?
- Does the proposal contain a clearly detailed implementation plan for project activities?
- Does the agency/partnership have experience providing described services or conducting program activities?
- Does the proposal satisfactorily address all aspects of the project in a time frame and in a manner that is realistic and likely to be productive?

Evaluation and Project Assessment

25 Points

- Are there well-defined, measurable outcome measures for this project?
- Does the plan clearly define how quality and effectiveness will be measured?
- Does the plan indicate interagency involvement in the evaluation process (if applicable)?
- Does the plan indicate how the evaluation information will be used?
- Does the plan define how change will be effected?

Community Partnerships/Problem Solving

25 points

- Does the proposal indicate involvement of other agencies and community organizations?
- Does the proposal discuss a problem-solving model that includes interagency collaboration and community involvement?
- Does the proposal reflect crime analysis/data management, coupled with police resources assigned based on geographical areas vs. random patrol will result?
- Have partnerships been developed?
- Are partnerships in the development stage?
- Will the project be developed, implemented, managed, and monitored by more than one agency?
- Does the proposal reflect collaboration between more than two agencies and/or organizations?
- Are the organizations involved capable of developing, managing, and controlling this type of project?
- Do the personnel, individually and collectively, possess the skill, ability and expertise to fulfill the intent and purpose of their identified roles and/or will the proposal provide such training?
- Is there any indication that the community supports the development and implementation of this project?
- Is there any documentation that this project is meeting a demonstrated organizational/community need?

Budget Narrative and Worksheets

25 points

- Is there a cash match for the grant?
- Does the budget reflect thoughtful analysis and planning?
- Is the budget based on objective data?
- Is the funding requested commensurate with the project that is being proposed?
- Does the budget indicate how this project could be continued without continuation funding from the Department of Public Safety?
- Does the funding indicate thoughtful use of local resources including match or in kind services?
- Does the budget indicate any type of match funding?
- Are the budget worksheets completed?